

Washington, DC -- Today, during a Water Resources and Environment subcommittee markup, U.S. Representative Michael A. Arcuri (D-Utica) voted in favor of necessary investments in improvements and repairs to ensure that our nation's aging wastewater and water infrastructure can continue to perform in compliance with the Clean Water Act.

"Keeping the Finger Lakes or any of the other beautiful lakes and rivers of our district clean should be a priority of my generation to pass on to our children and grandchildren. We are also all aware that many Upstate New York communities have to operate with old and antiquated sewer and wastewater systems. In recent years, my hometown of Utica, along with many other communities in the 24th District, has been plagued with problems due to outdated infrastructure in desperate need of repair," Arcuri said. "My votes today are concrete steps towards improving our wastewater and water infrastructure and will provide cities and towns in Upstate New York with the resources to keep our water clean."

The Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment passed the following bills:

- Healthy Communities Water Supply Act of 2007 (H.R. 700) - Amends the Clean Water Act to reauthorize appropriations for the Environmental Protection Agency to provide grants for alternative water source projects to meet critical water supply needs. The bill authorizes an increase in funding to \$125 million until the funds are expended, a significant increase from a previous authorization of \$75 million for FY02 through FY04
- Water Quality Investment Act of 2007 (H.R. 569) - Amends the Clean Water Act to reauthorize appropriations for grants to municipalities and States to control combined sewer overflows and sanitary sewer overflows. It authorizes \$1.8 billion for FY08 through FY2010
- Water Quality Financing Act of 2007 (H.R. 720) - Authorizes \$20 billion in Federal grants over five years to capitalize Clean Water State Revolving Funds. And renews the requirement that contractors and subcontractors on treatment works projects constructed with assistance from the state revolving funds will be paid no less than prevailing wages

"I am proud that the subcommittee passed the Water Quality Financing Act with its commitment

to preserving wage protections for contractors and subcontractors who work on these projects,” Arcuri said.

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